GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ADVERSE EFFECT OF CONSUMPTION OF MILK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of milk , being supplied at present, is causing adverse effect on the health of people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target of one thousand litre milk every year on average from milch cattle has not been achieved despite the efforts being made by the Government;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate a policy to ensure sufficient quantity of cheap milk; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Consumption of milk supplied through organised agencies such as cooperative milk unions, federations , public and private sector dairies do not have any adverse effect on the health of people.

(c): The average annual yield of milch animal(in milk) has increased from about 858 litres per annum in 1985-86 to 1291 litres per annum in 1998-99.

(d) & (e): The cooperatives` network in the country market good quality milk at reasonable rate.